

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
and
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 8:30 a.m. – Room 30

Members:

Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Senate Chair
Rep. Craig A. Frank, House Cochair
Rep. Fred R Hunsaker, House Cochair
Sen. Jon J. Greiner
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Rep. Douglas C. Aagard
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Jim Bird
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Janice M. Fisher
Rep. Kerry W. Gibson
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. John G. Mathis
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

Rep. R. Curt Webb
Rep. Larry B. Wiley

Members Absent:

Sen. Scott D. McCoy
Rep. Keith Grover

Staff Present:

Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Joseph Wade, Policy Analyst
Mr. Christopher R. Parker, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Wendy Bangerter, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Knudson called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Members of the Committee and staff were introduced.

MOTION: Rep. Webb moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2008 meetings of the Government Operations Interim Committee and the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Allen, Rep. Ferry, and Rep. Mathis were absent for the vote.

2. Consideration of Certain First Special Session Bills

Rep. Urquhart explained 2009 First Special Session S.B. 1002, "Legal Notice Amendments" that amends legal notice provisions of the Utah Code. He reviewed the schedule allowing for a transition of publishing legal notices from newspapers to the Internet. He also reviewed areas that were cleaned up in 2009 General Session S.B. 208, "Utah Public Notice Website Amendments."

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to recommend 2009 First Special Session S.B. 1002, "Legal Notice Amendments" for future action by the Legislature. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Okerlund and Rep. Mathis absent for the vote.

Rep. Webb explained 2009 First Special Session H.B. 1001, "Subdivision Approval Amendments" and the changes it makes from 2009 General Session H.B. 156, "Subdivision Approval Amendments." He explained that with this bill a lot could be created by filing a deed that includes the legal description of the property. A notice would be filed with the deed stating that the subdivision is created pursuant to the authority given, and the notice would also include a legal description of the subdivided property. Other factors may influence permit issuance.

MOTION: Rep. Hunsaker moved to recommend 2009 First Special Session H.B. 1001, "Subdivision Approval Amendments" for future action by the Legislature. The motion passed with Rep. Janice Fisher voting in opposition. Sen. Okerlund was absent for the vote.

3. Subject Area Overviews - Government Operations and Political Subdivisions

Mr. Chris Parker gave a presentation reviewing the subjects that are assigned to the Government Operations Interim Committee for interim study and discussion. He referred to a handout, "Government Operations Subjects" that was previously mailed to the Committee.

Mr. Robert H. Rees gave a slide presentation on political subdivisions in Utah and explained how the different types are addressed in the Utah Code.

4. Open and Public Meetings Act Training

This agenda item was postponed until the June meeting.

5. State Building Board Construction Projects - Division of Facilities Construction and Management - Update

Mr. Gregg Buxton, Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM), explained that DFCM supervises the design and construction of projects approved by the State Building Board. The projects are included in a master plan of structures and a five-year building construction program prepared and updated in cooperation with state institutions, departments, commissions, and agencies.

Mr. Kurt Baxter, DFCM, gave a slide presentation giving an overview of the mission and services of DFCM and its charge for maintainance, leasing, energy efficiency programs, and capital improvements, including repair and safety issues. He reported on projects on the five-year building program and the estimated cost of these projects, the status of projects funded over the last three years, and how the projects are funded. He reviewed the current funding needs, noting the discrepancy between what is needed and what has been allocated by the Legislature. He distributed "State Funded Capital Development FY 2007-2009," which showed an example of the funded projects for 2008-2009, as well as other projects funded by other resources.

6. State Capitol Complex Construction Projects and Plans - Update

Mr. David Hart, Executive Director, State Capitol Preservation Board, explained that the Board was first organized to provide more oversight by the Legislature and to exercise jurisdiction and stewardship over capitol hill facilities, capitol hill grounds, and the State Capitol Complex, with the exception of certain areas reserved under legislative control. He gave a slide presentation and explained that the Board is required to preserve, maintain, and restore the State Capitol Complex, facilities, grounds, and their contents through an annual work plan and a long-range master plan.

7. Discussion of 2009 Interim Study Items

Chair Knudson asked committee members to review the list of proposed study items for the 2009 interim included in the mailing packet. He encouraged them to prioritize and submit their considerations to staff.

8. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Greiner, Rep. Bigelow, Rep. Ferry, Rep. Gibson, and Rep. Wiley were absent for the vote.

Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 10:27 p.m.